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TO : Director of Training
THRU : Chief, Plans & Research Staff
FROM : Chief, Intelligence Training Division
SUBJECT: Possible intelligence training needs of USIA.

DATE: 7 September 1954

1. Reference is made to IAC-D-82/1, dated 5 August, 1954, "Report of Survey of USIA's Intelligence Needs and Assets."

2. In Par. 3.e. of Part 3 of this report (Page 7), it is concluded that "the USIA should have an intelligence organization designed to ensure that full use is made of the resources of the intelligence community and to be responsive to those USIA needs which cannot be met by the community." Recommendation b of Part 3 (Page 10) proposes an organization with a T/O of 70 to 90 positions.

3. If the USIA establishes a foreign intelligence unit along the lines recommended there will be a considerable number of employees performing duties comparable to those in the overt offices of the Agency -- analysis of information, research, production of reports, liaison and coordination, reference services, etc. Some of these employees probably will have had intelligence experience, but others undoubtedly will be new to the business. It occurs to me that our training programs might be utilized to assist in the development of the USIA intelligence personnel. The OTR basic intelligence course and the world communism course, I believe, should be of interest to USIA.

4. I am of the opinion that CIA stands to gain from the orientation and indoctrination of employees of other agencies who use our raw and finished intelligence and who contribute to our production. Almost all the IAC trainees we have had to date say that one of the principal benefits of the BIC is an understanding of the resources and operations of the Intelligence Community. Since the report recommends that USIA rely heavily upon the IAC agencies and not attempt to duplicate their functions, it would seem that the employees of the proposed intelligence unit could learn a good deal from our training courses about the support available to them, as well as absorbing some methodology of the intelligence function.

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5. I recommend that the Chief, Plans and Research Staff:

a. Learn if USIA plans to establish the intelligence unit recommended by the survey staff;

b. If it does, inquire whether or not USIA has an interest in intelligence training for the employees of this unit;

c. If the answers to a. and b. are affirmative, proceed with such policy and administrative questions as may be involved in offering places in training courses to USIA personnel.



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